

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar : Yes, Sir, there is a demand.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : With reference to part (d) may I know why no research was made by the University?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar : Sir, an expert has been engaged for making tea chests in Travancore.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : How long is it since he has been appointed?

Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkiteswara Aiyar : He was appointed about a month ago, Sir.

Rule in the case of a thrice failed E. S. L. C. student to appear for that examination.

62. ***Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail (Nominated):** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any rule prohibiting a student who failed thrice in the School Leaving Certificate Examination from appearing again ; and

(b) whether such students were permitted to appear for the examination in 1116 and 1117 ?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon (Director of Public Instruction) :

(a) Yes.

(b) 1116—No.

1117—Can be known only at the time of the examination.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know, Sir, whether any exemptions were given?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Just a few exemptions have been given.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether any applications for exemption have been rejected.

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Quite a number of them have been rejected.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether any rule has been formulated giving the conditions justifying exemption?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : Government must be satisfied that there is sufficient ground for exemption.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether it is the discretion of Government that is used in granting exemptions?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon : At present it is.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail : May I know whether in the case of those exempted the discretion of Government has been used in favour of the forward communities and against backward communities?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: I believe it is in favour of educationally backward communities.

President: How many exemptions were granted during the past five years?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: About six.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether an application from a Muslim student was rejected?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Sir, applications from Muslims, Ezhavas and some others have been rejected.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether applications for exemption from Brahmin candidates were allowed?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: None.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether the son of Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao, the ex-Land Revenue Commissioner was granted exemption?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Sir, he is not a Brahmin student.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: Was he granted exemption?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Yes.

President: Will the honourable member explain the reason for granting exemption in that case?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Exemption was granted in that case because there was a medical certificate as to the immature mental development of the boy.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether in the case of the Muslim student referred to by me any medical certificate was called for?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: Any medical certificate is not sufficient.

Sahib Bahadur T. Mahomed Ismail: May I know whether he was asked to produce a medical certificate from proper authority?

Mr. A. Gopala Menon: It is his duty to support his application by the necessary evidence.

President: It is going to be the policy of Government not to give any exemptions in the future to any body under any circumstances.

Agricultural pursuits of Travancoreans outside Travancore.

63. ***Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether several people of Travancore are going out on agricultural pursuits outside Travancore?